

Assistant Governors and Chairs training

A great group of people at the AGs and Chairs training on February 24 and 25. Congratulations to the Training Team and DGE Brian and Carol for preparing and delivering an informative and entertaining programme.

Rotary International President Elect, Barry Rasin, is keen for us to promote the acronym LEAP; Lead; Enthuse; Audacity; Proof. RIPE Barry would like the District Leaders to LEAD by example. be ENTHUSIASTIC in their role, be AUDACIOUS in the decisions and demonstrate the PROOF of leadership by example.

Rotarians Against Malaria

Bill Gates, the head of the world's largest private charitable foundation, has called on Australia to become the regional champion of a historic drive to eradicate malaria from Asia within 10 years.



Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has joined a key global body, the End Malaria Council, co-chaired by Mr Gates. For more information go to <http://www.ram.rawcs.com.au/>

Whilst RAM is gathering momentum Polio is still very much our priority and I am pleased to say the Iron Lung will be on display at the Salamander Shopping Centre during the conference.

This display has been managed and 'staffed' by the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay with the enthusiasm and endorsement of the Rotary Foundation

Redistricting

By now you will have all received my letter noting the disappointment of District 9650's negative vote regarding the proposed merger.

Currently we will continue as we are and work very hard to maintain and increase our membership.

Watch this space!

Club activities

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Dubbo South on the excellent Driver Awareness program they have completed involving some 485 students with a total of 248 volunteer hours!



DISTRICT DIARY

March, 2018

16-18 - District 9670 Conference

April, 2018

07 - PETS West, Dubbo

08 - District Assembly

22 - District Assembly

May, 2018

04 - Presidents and Chairs meeting

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25 - M.U.N.A.

26 - YEP 2019 Interviews

June, 2018

17 - YEP 2018 outbound students & parents BBQ

July, 2018

07 - D9670 Changeover

08 - D9670 College of Governors



NEW Member Links

[New Facebook Link](#)

[District Conference 2018 Web Page and Video](#)

[District 9670 YouTube Link](#)

[Linked In](#)

[Pinterest](#)

[Twitter](#)

Congratulations also to the Rotary Club of Warners Bay for another successful Loop the Lake. Well done after a tricky start.

Australia and New Zealand Rotary Conference

This is to be held in Hobart from September 14-16, 2018 and I invite you all to attend. Registration is now open so take the opportunity to book early. <http://www.rotaryinstitute.org.au/>

District Conference

By the time you receive this newsletter your availability to register for the conference may be a little late. We are delighted with the response and so look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Nelson Bay.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MARCH 16-18, 2018

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the conference and Join the Conversation

<https://www.rotarydistrict9670conference2018.org/registration>

Yours in Rotary,

Helen



Clean water and sanitation is a human right, but not everyone is afforded that right. Rotary members are providing communities with sustainable access to safe water, improved sanitation, hygiene management training. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, improved sanitation facilities, and better hygiene habits, they lead healthier and more successful lives.

During March, Rotary Water and Sanitation Month, we encourage members to work towards Rotary's goal of providing everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene by 2030. Here are just a few examples of club service projects that are working towards that goal:

In Nepal, the Rotary Club of Durbarmarg collaborated with their twin club and the Rotaract Clubs of Phulbari and Eco-Himal Nepal, to provide access to safe drinking water for students at a government school. Students were drinking visibly contaminated, untreated water directly from the water source. Rotary members installed 14 low-cost colloidal silver-enhanced ceramic water filters with strong filtration systems. These filters were manufactured locally, and are a traditional practice in availing safe drinking water to those lacking access.



Have a weekend off and join friends for a great time at the Conference, then enjoy the Nelson Bay area - there is plenty to see and do.

A project of the District 9670 Community Service Committee

PROJECT red socks

In aid of the early prevention of Prostate Cancer



Project "Red Socks" has been taken on board by The District 9670 Community Service Committee to aid in the early prevention of prostate cancer in men. The aim of the project is to raise funds to aid further prostate cancer research.

So, don't miss out . Support this worthwhile cause.

Keith Harcombe, District 9670 Community Service Chair, keith48@gmail.com



Happy 50th Birthday, Rotaract!

It's been 50 years since the first Rotaract club was founded, and we're celebrating all year! A half-century of taking action, leading communities, and changing the world for the better deserves a big celebration. Here are some tips to help you mark this milestone:

Visit the [hub](#) for everything related to Rotaract's 50th — you'll find ideas and resources to highlight the global impact of Rotaract in your community.

Plan an anniversary celebration with a club nearby, organize a service project, and reconnect with Rotaract alumni.

Download our [social share graphics](#), and create your own #Rotaract50 photo frame to promote your anniversary event and invite others to join the celebration.

Share a livestreamed video panel discussion on the state of Rotaract. Hear Rotaractors from around the world answer questions about Rotaract's accomplishments and its future.

HUMOUR

life can be summed up with 4 bottles...

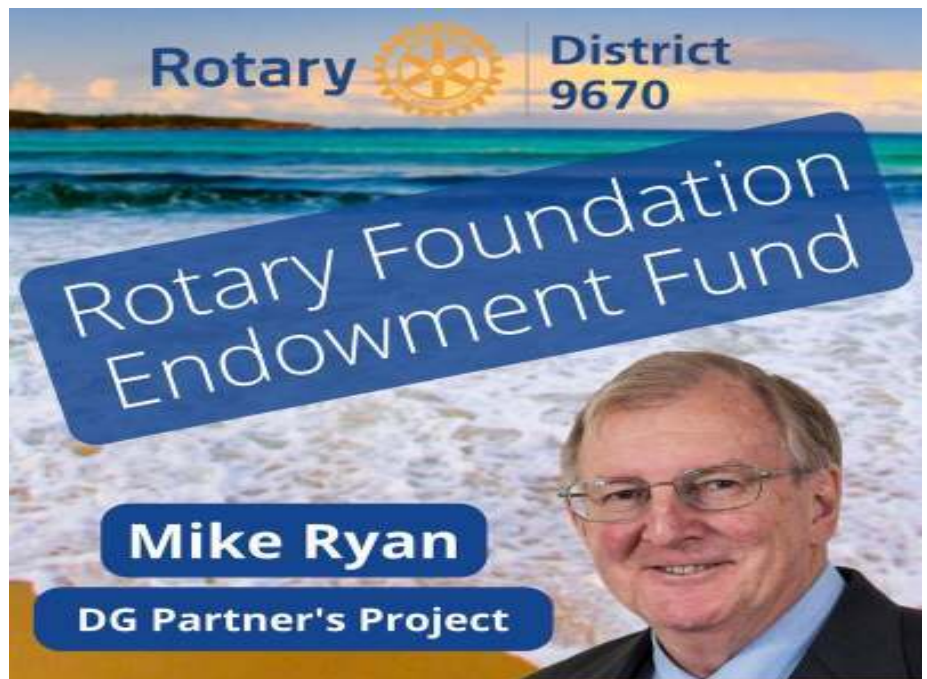


What does the Rotary Foundation do?

Rotary Foundation. ... It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world."



The Rotary Foundation's Areas of Focus:



The Fund ensures Rotary programs have a strong future and are financially sustainable. Contributions to the fund are invested and professionally managed to provide a stream of income to support local, national and international projects that benefit people.

"Rotarians are known across the community as individuals committed to making a difference, and this Fund allows them to continue projects like providing fresh drinking water to people and improving educational outcomes for local students" Mr Ryan said.

"With Rotary Clubs making a donation to the fund, they will contribute to the growth of one of the largest charities in the world – the Rotary Foundation. This will ensure future generations can continue to benefit from Rotary projects".

Mr Ryan hopes that Rotary Clubs will accept his challenge to contribute to the Fund, and create a legacy by making the donation in the name of a local non-Rotarian who has made a difference in their community.



Building membership is Rotary's top internal priority, and every member can make a difference. When you have a strong membership base, your club is better able to serve.

We need active, engaged, and enthusiastic members and club leaders who can recognize opportunities for growth and act on them.

Clubs around the world approach membership in very different ways. Recognizing and acting on the unique needs, customs, and changes in your community will enhance your ability to increase your membership.

Creating a membership plan is a way to document your club's vision, goals, and strategies for expanding your membership and keeping your members connected.

Be sure to involve all of your members in the creation of your membership plan and consider everyone's ideas. Having contributions from all members will foster enthusiasm and help ensure your plan is well implemented.

Once it's created, your plan can serve as a guide to setting your membership goals and tracking your club's progress. This guide is for club leaders and club membership committees.

This Guide explains the process of creating a membership plan and provides strategies and tools you can use to attract and engage new members.

It also includes information about sponsoring new clubs and reviews the membership resources that are available from Rotary.

As you work through this guide, you will develop ways to make your club meetings more engaging to improve your club's member retention rate.

Finally, we've included a worksheet that has concrete steps your club can take to build a plan to strengthen its membership.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670			
CLUB NAME		FEBRUARY - 2018	
	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	ATTENDANCE %	COMMUNITY HOURS
Belmont	28	89.8	89
Cardiff	11	88	126
Cessnock	19	72.34	100
Denman	19	80	150
Dubbo	25	82.14	186
Dubbo Macquarie	21	92.86	82
Dubbo South	58	81.73	187
Dubbo West	40	85.59	60
Dungog	13	58	68
East Maitland	35	73.45	n/a
Kurri Kurri	22	51	100
Maitland	37	62.9	229
Maitland Sunrise	30	77	128
Merriwa	19	85	90
Mudgee	27	nil	119
Myall Coast	25	85	144
Narromine	12	77	80
Nelson Bay	51	75	352
Newcastle Enterprise	28	56	272
Raymond Terrace	24	80	250
Rutherford Telarah	41	63.52	309
Wallsend Maryland	33	50	298
Waratah	20	81.17	86

How can my club attract younger members?

Younger professionals can bring new perspectives, expertise, and energy to a club. But do you understand who these emerging leaders are and what they need? Will your club attract them? Do you know how to engage with them and show them the benefit of their continued membership? **Engaging Younger Professionals**, a new online toolkit, will help your club answer these questions.

The toolkit will help you rethink membership, from a broad perspective down to a tactical level. It contains features like videos, testimonials, graphics, and publications that support a younger, more diverse membership. Explore the toolkit and discover how you can get to know your audience, enhance your club's culture, and engage emerging leaders.